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- 1. FOLLOWING ARE Q AND A'S PREPARED AND CLEARED FOR NOON PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 6. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
- 2. Q. ARE THE REPATRIATES ON GUAM AWARE OF THE BROADCASTS FROM HANOI ACCUSING THE U.S. OF A QUOTE PLOT UNQUOTE TO RETURNING THEM?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO HEAR THE BROADCASTS BUT IN ANY EVENT, THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FORWARDED COPIES OF THE TEXTS WE RECEIVED FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE (FBIS) TO THE SENIOR

CIVIL COORDINATOR ON GUAM SO THAT HE COULD MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THE WOULD-BE REPATRIATES;

- 3. Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. REACTION? OR
- Q. WHAT WILL THE U.S. DO NOW?

A. THE UNITED STATES MADE IT VERY CLEAR IN ITS SEPTEMBER 30 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WE WERE ACCEDING TO THE INSISTENT DEMANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE WOULD-BE REPATRIATES WHEN WE DECIDED TO PREPARE THE SHIP THEY WERE URGENTLY REQUESTING FOR THEIR RETURN VOYAGE. ONCE MADE READY FOR SAILING, THE TIME-TABLE FOR THE SHIP'S DEPARTURE FROM GUAM WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER FOR THE REPATRIATES THEMSELVES TO DETERMINE. KISSINGER

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